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1. Serious dissension has appeared among the Legionnaires and these dissensions are closely linked to the affair of the Bucharest trials. It is not merely a backwash among the militants but entirely a schism within the party's direction. IASINSKI, one of the oldest directors of the movement, is alleged to have distributed a secret circular in several Legionnaire centers asking the militants to discontinue their obedience to Horia SIMA.

2. Horia SIMA is reported to have parried by calling for all Guardists to have faith in him and asking for the formation of sacrificial teams of 13 members. (This statement undoubtedly refers to the 13 Rumanians executed following the 9-12 October 1953 Bucharest trials, all of whom were accused of espionage against the USSR on behalf of French and American intelligence services).

3. The dissidence of VELESCU and his "Vestitorii" group (Iron Guardist publication in Salzburg) could be one of the results of this quarrel.

4. Father BULGAKOV, whose falling out with SIMA is older, but who is considered responsible for having formerly favored SIMA's rise, is maintaining a neutral position.

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